conducts postgraduate level courses for officers and diploma and certificates level courses for Personnel Below Officers Rank (PBOR). Approximately 400 officers and 5000 PBOR including personnel from Para Military Forces (PMF) and Friendly Foreign Countries are trained per year in this School. The School is organised into three faculties, namely, Faculty of Weapon Technology (FWT), Faculty of Vehicle Technology (FVT) and Faculty of Instrumentation Technology (FIT).

Expansion of NALCO

*228. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO) is heading for expansion;

(b) if so, the details of the expansion proposed by NALCO;

(c) the amount of investment involved in the expansion programme; and

(d) the time limit fixed for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS):

Statement

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) is currently implementing Rs. 4206.60 crores expansion project comprising of expansion of its Mining capacity from 24,00,000 TPY to 48,00,000 TPY, Refinery capacity from 8,00,000 TPY to 15,75,000 TPY, Smelter capacity from 2,30,000 TPY to 3,45,000 TPY and expansion in the capacity of its Captive Power Plant (CPP) from 6 x 120 MW to 8 X 120 MW by addition of 7th and the 8th units with additional capacity of 120 MW each. Out of the aforesaid, the work for expansion of mining and refinery capacity and addition of 7th unit in the CPP has since been completed. The smelter expansion project has also been mechanically completed but out of the 240 pots, only 120 pots have been operationalised. The remaining 120 pots are likely to be operationalised by April, 2004 after commissioning of 8th unit of CPP which is expected to be synchronised by February, 2004.

In addition, NALCO has submitted a proposal for second phase expansion of the capacities of its Bauxite Mines from 48,00,000 TPY to

63,00,000TPY, Alumina Refinery from 15.75.000TPY to 21,00,000TPY, Aluminium smelter from 3,45,000 TPY to 4,60,000 TPY and Captive Power Plant from 8 X 120 MW to 10 X 120 MW at a total investment of Rs. 4091.51 crores. The proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

Investment of coal sector

*232. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for the Coal sector during the current year alongwith the investment made so far in this sector;

(b) the amount made available as investment in this sector by the Union Government and by way of foreign assistance separately; and

(c) the target fixed in regard to Coal production during the current year and the extent to which the targets have been met so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) The amount earmarked for coal sector as per the BE for 2003-04 is Rs. 3321.30 crore. Investment made till Oct., 2003 is Rs. 790.96 crore.

(b) During 2003-04, no amount has been made available by the Government as investment either in the equity of the coal PSUs or by way of foreign assistance. However, during the current year Rs. 285.90 crore have been made available from the revenue account by the Union Government in the schemes of Coal India Limited.

(c) Target for coal production during 2003-04 is 350.05 million tonnes against which 185.28 million tonnes (prov.) have been achieved till Oct., 2003.

Allotment of land to people below poverty line

*233. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allot land to landless people in rural areas who fall below poverty line, on priority basis;